

oargo on a thing which alarmed him more than the introduction of British merchandise, viz. the publication oi' news. In conformity with these reiterated instructions I directed especial attention to the management of: the. *(^{l'orrcsj>on/lan.L})* The importance of this journal, with its (><), ()00 readers, may easily be perceived. I procured the insertion of every thing I thought desirable: all the bulletins,, proclamations., acts of the French Government, notes of the *Motittcui*; and the semiofficial articles oi' the French journals : these, were- all given *in extenso*. On the other hand,, I often suppressed adverse news, which, though well known, would have, received additional weight from its insertion in so widely circulated a paper, if by chance¹, then* crept in some, Austrian bulletin, extracted from the other German papers published in the States of the (Jonfederation of the Rhine, there was always given with it a suitable antidote to destroy, or at least, to mitigate, its ill effect. But this was not all. The King of Württemberg having reproached the *(^{l'nrrm/tont/ttnf})* in a, letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, with publishing whatever Austria wished should be made known, and being conducted in a spirit hostile to the, *t/nml m//.sv*, I answered those unjust reproaches by making the Syndic, censor prohibit, the Hamburg papers from inserting//---- Austrian order of the <iay, a/// Archduke's bulletins, *any* letter from Prague ; in short* anything which should be copied from the other German journals unless those articles had been inserted in the French journals. My recollections of the, year 1S09 at Hamburg carry me back to the celebration of Napoleon's *fvtc-** which was on the*, loth of August, for he had interpolated his patron saint iu the Imperial calendar at the date of his birth, The coincidence of this festival with the Assumption gave rise to adulatory rhodomontades of the most absurd description. Certainly the Episcopal circulars under the Km pi re would form a curious collection.' Could anything be more revolting than

¹ It will perhaps scarcely be believed tmi. Urn following words were »etu-silly delivered from tint pulpit: "<<od in his mercy JUH chosen Napoleon to f>e his representative on earth. The <juoen of Heaven Jmn market], hy the most magnificent of presents, the anniversary of the <lny which \ vitneHHevl his glorious entrance into her domains. Heavenly Virgin! an a special tcsti-